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PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN OPERATION:

MEIER

ZIPPER Technician

KURZ

ZIPPER Technician

V-70

ZIPPER Agent, Berlin

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Chief, Pullach Operations Base

[]

Pullach Case Officer

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Berlin Case Officer

Identity "A"

Woman Occupying Target Apartment

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KURIOT Technician at Berlin

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KURIOT Technician

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SUBJECT: General

Report on the Operational TDY of [C]
in Support of ZIPPER Project UJIRIZZLY between
6 - 25 January 1956.

Specific

Technical Aid Provided ZIPPER Against UJDOWN

I PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The KURIOT objective was to supply technical assistance to ZIPPER for an operation against a high-level German target in Berlin.

II TTX OBJECTIVES:

- A. Provide the requested assistance.
- B. Participate as much as possible in the installation to gain more information on the Project.
- C. To evaluate the ZIPPER audio surveillance capability.
- D. To avoid the exposure of a PCS technician of the area to ZIPPER by using a Headquarter's technician.

III BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the time of departure it was known that UTILITL-3 had approached [C] with a request for technical support for UJIRIZZLY in an attempt to obtain audio coverage of UJDOWN.

It was known that V-70 had established an apartment for use by UJDOWN in Berlin and that this would be the target.

It was Headquarter's opinion that this operation should be supported technically in such a way as to satisfy ZIPPER that it was getting the best equipment available for the purpose while not revealing any highly sensitive devices. In view of the publicity regarding [C], [C], etc., it was felt that the use of purely conventional devices might make ZIPPER feel that KUBARK was not fully supporting this operation, which was important to them. Transistorized microphones, [C] and the new WT-1 transmitter appeared to fit this situation.

IV REFERENCES ARE:

IN 47585; IN 49484; IN 12434.

V LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS:

See above and below.

/VI SUMMARY OF EVENTS/

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VI SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN THE INSTALLATION:

9 January - Pullach:

During a meeting with the ZIPPER representatives, [] and [] received a briefing on the proposed installation. It was learned that the subject apartment was rented in the name of a woman (Identity "A" in IM 49484). The ZIPPER representatives indicated a willingness for [] to travel to Berlin to act as a consultant during the installation. [] was selected to travel to Berlin as Pullach representative for the project. The ZIPPERs felt that a transmitter used in conjunction with a hidden microphone would probably be the only immediate solution due to the difficulty of locating a listening post within the range of a microphone/wire installation. The use of a transmitter seemed like a good idea as it would enable independent monitoring by KUBARK. A cable was forwarded to Headquarters requesting that two WL-1 line-powered transmitters be sent to Berlin.

11 January - Frankfurt:

Briefed [] on the technical aspects of the operation in Berlin and attempted to determine the nature of equipment at Berlin which could be used for the installation work.

20 January - Berlin:

Met with KURZ and MEIER and demonstrated the WL-1 transmitter. MEIER was visibly impressed with the type and quality of construction and commented on it at length. Arrangements were made for a survey of the target on the following day.

21 January - Berlin:

0930 Hours: Met KURZ and MEIER and proceeded to the target apartment and were admitted by V-70. Photographs were taken and the various aspects of the problem were discussed. The walls, ceilings and floors appeared to be of solid concrete. The walls had wallpaper to the ceiling, the ceiling was painted and the floor had a glued-down linoleum covering. It was decided that the floor lamp in the living room was the only possible location for the transmitter without extensive installation work in the apartment. Departed from the apartment at 1030 hours with parts of the lamp for modification.

2035 Hours: Re-entered the apartment with KURZ and MEIER and discovered that Identity "A" was present with V-70. The assembly of the lamp was begun but some difficulty was experienced which delayed completion of the work. The ZIPPERs and [] were asked to leave the apartment at 2230.

2250 Hours: In a meeting between KURZ, MEIER, [], and [] the ZIPPERs stated that Identity "A" was dissatisfied with the technical arrangements and wished to have either a switch on the lamp which would independently control the transmitter or a separate lamp entirely. This

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desire appeared reasonable when the lighting arrangement of the room was considered. Nevertheless the wisdom of making Identity "A" witting of the installation details was subject to some silent conjecture. The ZIPPERs decided to use an existing switch on the lamp to control the transmitter. This switch was originally used for a large bulb in the center of the lamp but had not been used for some time as individual pull-switches were available for the smaller bulbs that were used.

22 January - Berlin:

1200 Hours: [] and MEIER worked on the assembly of the lamp at the apartment. Identity "A" spent a considerable time in conversation with MEIER and appeared quite happy about the whole arrangement. At 1330 hours it became apparent that something was wrong with the manner of installation as the transmitter radiated very poorly when the lamp was finally assembled. KURZ arranged with V-70 and Identity "A" to remove the entire lamp that evening for conversion. This was heartily endorsed by [] as working conditions in the apartment were not good. The lamp was picked up by KURZ and MEIER and delivered to [] and [] later that evening.

22-23 January - Berlin:

2100 - 0200 Hours: This time was spent in the KURIOT shop revising the transmitter installation in the lamp. A final bench test indicated satisfactory operation with slight hum in the output. (See attached detailed report).

23 January - Berlin:

1000 Hours: Briefed [] on the details of the installation and tested the transmission range of the unit. From the KURIOT shop to a point approximately 1000 yards away the signal was received with very good strength and quality.

1000 Hours: The lamp was returned to the apartment by KURZ, MEIER, and []. It was tested briefly and the fact that the switch actually controlled the transmitter was demonstrated to Identity "A". MEIER and [] departed at 1845 hours leaving KURZ in the apartment for a thirty minute test transmission.

[] left MEIER outside the apartment and met [] who had the receiving equipment needed for the range test. A signal strength test of the area was conducted and finished by 1930. A map was prepared of the area indicating the limits of the range of the transmitter.

24 January - Berlin:

0900 Hours: [] briefed MEIER on the operation of the receiver to be used at the listening post and presented him with a copy of the field strength map. It was explained that this was only a preliminary test and did not indicate the extreme limits at which the transmitter could be

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received but only the area in which a reliable signal could be expected at street level with a vertical receiving antenna. Above street level and with a horizontal receiving antenna much greater range could be expected. MEIER was advised that a suitable recorder could be obtained commercially on the local market and that the receiver transfer to ZIPPER and subsequent servicing and repair work would be handled by C J. The meeting ended at 1000 hours.

Insofar as the TDX objectives are concerned, the mission was successfully completed. KUBARK supplied the equipment, made the installation, and provided technical information which would lead to the establishment of the listening post. The location of the apartment and the identity of V-70 and Identity "A" were established. A separate report will be written discussing the audio capabilities of ZIPPER as indicated by the undersigned's observations during this operation.

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